

# *Spirit of Grace* ELCA UMC



June 5th, 2022  
*Pentecost*  
*Graduate Blessing*

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Prelude

Welcome

A Call to Peace in Times of Violence

Oh Divine,  
most mighty, most merciful,  
**our sacred stories tell us**  
**that you help and save your people.**  
You are the fortress: may there be no more war.  
**You are the harvest: may there be no more hunger.**  
You are the light: may no one die alone or in despair.  
**Oh Divine, most majestic, most motherly, grant us your life. Amen.**  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Call to Worship

Breath of God, come like a mighty wind and fill this place.  
**Let your Spirit, wild with creativity, be upon us.**  
Through your holy chaos,  
**trouble our complacency,**  
break open our hearts,  
**awaken our senses,**  
free us from the need to control,  
**and renew our mortal imaginations.**  
Make us alive with possibility, and rich in dreams of what could be.  
**Come, Holy Spirit, Come!**

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

In the waters of baptism,  
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,  
and we are a new creation.  
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

*Water is poured into the Baptismal Font*

We thank you, God, for your river of life,  
flowing freely from your throne:  
through the earth,  
through the city,  
through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;  
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.  
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,  
and our sin is drowned forever.  
You open the gate of righteousness  
and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.  
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.  
You call us forth and send us out.  
In lush and barren places, you are with us.  
You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water  
and awaken your church once more.  
Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.  
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End,  
our Shepherd and Lamb,  
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

Greeting & Prayer of the Day

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Spirit of the living God, in you all things are in motion. Where change is needed in our thinking or our beliefs, in our practices or our ways of relating to each other, be our guide. Give us courage to stay present to that which makes us uncomfortable. Give us patience when we are unsettled. Give us strength when we face loss. Give us the faith to welcome necessary change, eagerly or tepidly, for the sake of your will.

**Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, the apostles all met in one room. Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting. Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them.

Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken. They were amazed and astonished: "Surely all of these people speaking are Galileans! How does it happen that each of us hears these words in our native tongue? We are Parthians, Medes and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and parts of Libya around Cyrene, as well as visitors from Rome – all Jews, or converts to Judaism – Cretans and Arabs, too; we hear them preaching, each in our own language, about the marvels of God!"

All were amazed and disturbed. They asked each other, "What does this mean?" But others said mockingly, "They've drunk too much new wine."

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd: "Women and men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem! Listen to what I have to say! These people are not drunk as you think – it's only 9 o'clock in the morning! No, it's what Joel the prophet spoke of:

'In the days to come –

it is our God who speaks –  
I will pour out my Spirit  
on all humankind.  
Your daughters and sons will prophesy,  
your young people will see visions,  
and your elders will dream dreams.  
Even on the most insignificant of my people,  
both women and men,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,  
and they will prophesy.  
And I will display wonders  
in the heavens above  
and signs on the earth below:  
blood, fire and billowing smoke.  
The sun will be turned into darkness  
and the moon will become blood  
before the coming of the  
great and sublime day of our God.  
And all who call upon the name  
of our God will be saved.”

Word of God, Word of Life  
**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b

YHWH, what variety you have created,  
arranging everything so wisely!  
The earth is filled with your creativity!  
**There's the vast expanse of the Sea,**  
**teeming with countless creatures,**  
**living things large and small,**  
with the ships going to and fro  
and Leviathan whom you made to frolic there.  
**All creatures depend on you**  
**to feed them at the proper time.**  
Give it to them – they gather it up.  
Open your hand – they are well satisfied.  
**Hide your face – they are terrified.**  
**Take away their breath – they die and return to dust.**  
Send back your breath – fresh life begins  
and you renew the face of the earth.  
**Glory forever to YHWH!**  
**May you find joy in your creation!**

You glance at the earth and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains and they smoke!

**I will sing to you all my life,  
I will make music for my God as long as I live.**  
May these reflections of mine give God  
as much pleasure as God gives me!  
**Bless YHWH, my soul!**  
**Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 14:8-18, 25-27

The Holy Gospel according to John the 14th chapter.

“Rabbi,” Philip said, “show us Abba God, and that will be enough for us.”

Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and still you don’t know me?”

Whoever has seen me has seen Abba God.  
How can you say, ‘Show us your Abba?’  
Don’t you believe that I am in Abba God  
and God is in me?  
The words I speak are not spoken of myself;  
it is Abba God, living in me,  
who is accomplishing the works of God.  
Believe me that I am in God and God is in me,  
or else believe because of the works I do.  
The truth of the matter is,  
anyone who has faith in me  
will do the works I do –  
and greater works besides.  
Why? Because I go to Abba God,  
and whatever you ask in my name I will do,  
so that God may be glorified in me.  
Anything you ask in my name,  
I will do.  
If you love me  
and obey the command I give you,  
I will ask the One who sent me  
to give you another Paraclete, another Helper  
to be with you always –  
the Spirit of truth,  
whom the world cannot accept  
since the world neither sees her nor recognizes her;

but you can recognize the Spirit  
because she remains with you  
and will be within you.  
I won't leave you orphaned;  
I will come back to you.

This much have I said to you while still with you;  
but the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit  
whom Abba God will send in my name,  
will instruct you in everything  
and she will remind you of all that I told you.  
Peace I leave with you;  
my peace I give to you;  
but the kind of peace I give you  
is not like the world's peace.  
Don't let your hearts be distressed;  
do not be afraid."

Word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Miranda Bermes-Goller

Hymn of the Day

Spirit of the Living God – UMH 393  
*sung through twice*

Affirmation of Faith – Nicene Creed

*Please stand as you are able as we confess our faith in God together using the words of our common creed:*

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Recognition of Graduates

Presentation of Quilts –

Presentation of Scholarships – Shelley Oates

A Word from the Graduates – Amy Fowler & Miyuki Gerald

Reading: *A Reminder* by Sarah Bessy – Rev. Miranda Bermes-Goller

Blessing – Rev. Miranda Bermes-Goller

## Joys & Concerns

*If you have any joys, concerns, or prayer requests to share, please type them into the comment section of the livestream so that we may lift them up together as a community.*

## Prayers of the People - Veni Sancte Spiritus

Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Holy Living One, Holy Moving One, burst open our locked doors, and by your Spirit drive us out into the world proclaiming your mighty deeds. Direct our words and actions, trusting the Advocate abiding in and among us.

God in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Feed and care for creatures that remain hidden to us yet contribute to the vibrancy of your creation. Train us to interact with creation from a place of wonder, awe, and reverence.

God in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Send your Spirit to places where language is a barrier to justice and mercy for those who seek it. Bless the work of translators, interpreters, and teachers. Promote understanding for the sake of those longing for true freedom and peace.

God in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Guide all who are entering the liminal space of transitions: those ending another school year, those graduating and beginning a new stage of life, those leaving one job and beginning a new endeavor, those journeying to a new place to call home. May your Spirit be ever-present with them, calling them closer to you.

God in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of peace, we pray for victims of war and violence across the world. Guide and protect those who stand with the vulnerable and advocate for the oppression. Send your Spirit to show us how to turn swords into plowshares, that nations might work together to create a culture of peace.

God in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## Offering

*At this time, if you are willing and able, please consider giving to Spirit of Grace Church to support our ongoing ministry. Checks can be mailed to 1140 Tucker Road, Hood River OR, 97031. Online Donations can be made through the link below:*  
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## Offering Prayer

Living God,  
you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your reign of peace,  
and you welcome us all at your table.  
Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body,  
that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

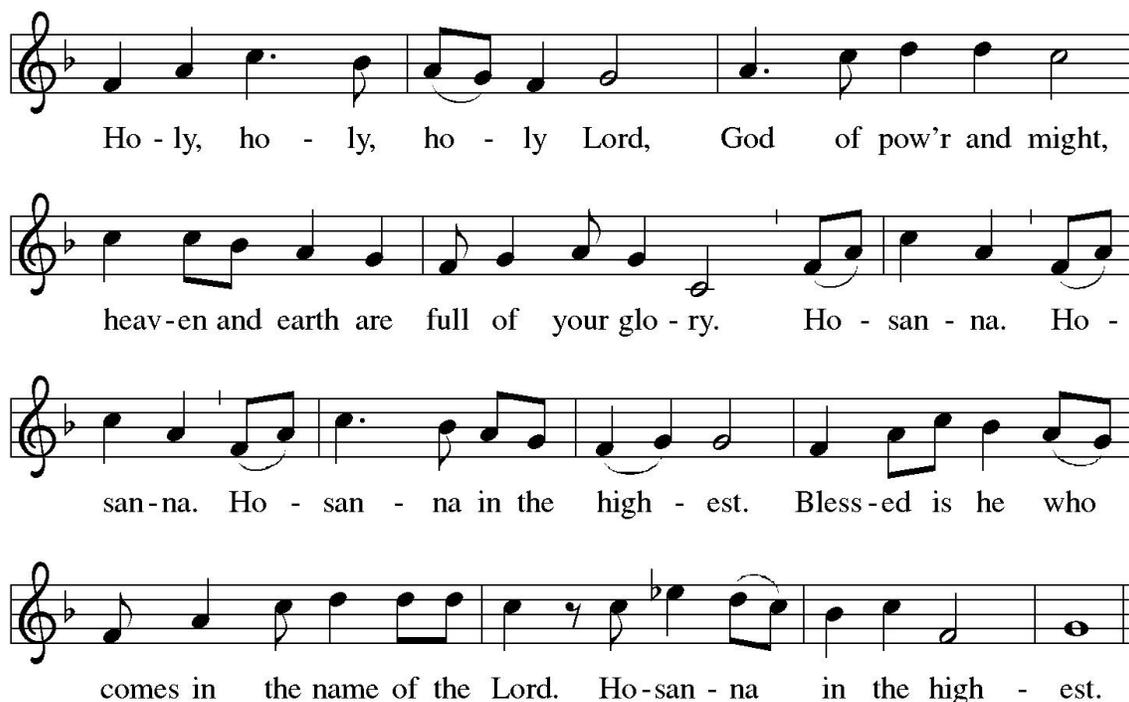
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn titled 'The Great Thanksgiving'. It consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff also has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has one long measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has one long measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The notes are simple, mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some slurs and ties.

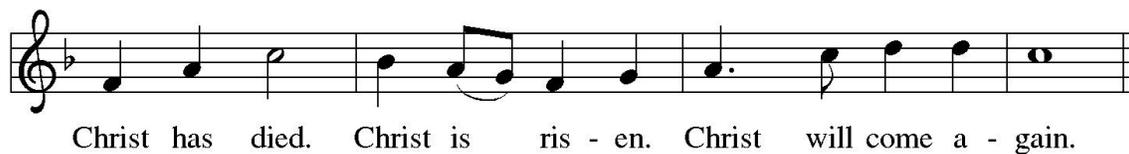
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



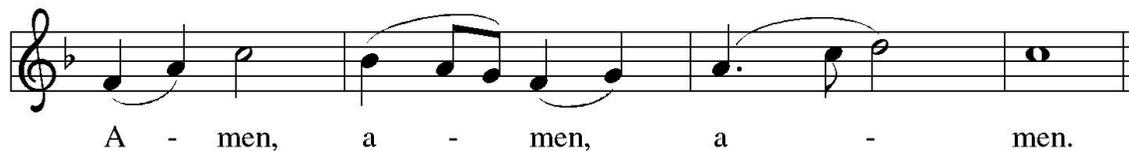
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God...  
 ...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the  
 Lord's death until he comes:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command...  
 ...To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
 be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forevermore.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the  
 language you are most familiar with - the language of your heart.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

*Instructions for Communion*

This table of bread and wine has now been made ready.  
So come to this table,  
You who have much faith  
and you who would like to have more;  
you who have been here often  
and you who have not been here long  
you who have tried to follow Jesus,  
and you who have failed;  
Come and eat. It is Christ who invites us all to meet him here.

*Communion Distribution*

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, generous God,  
for in this bread and cup  
we have tasted the new heaven and earth  
where hunger and thirst are no more.  
Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,  
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Song:

Spirit of God – TFWS 2117  
verses 1, 4, 5

Blessing

God, the Author of life,  
Christ, the living Cornerstone,  
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**  
Go in peace. Proclaim what God has done.  
**Thanks be to God!**

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